SECL washery

†3106. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any washery named Aryan Coal Beneficiations has been established in Dipka/Gevra mine of SECL in Chhatisgarh;

(b) the distance (in kilometers) of the said washery from densely populated area of Pragati Nagar built by SECL; and

(c) the details of conditions in terms of distance (in kilometers) required to be maintained from densely populated areas in order to establish coal washery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANARAO): (a) A washery has been established by M/s. Aryan Coal Beneficiation Private Limited (ACBL) in the leasehold area of Dipka mine of South Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(b) The distance between the washery and Pragati Nagar is approximately 1 (One) Kilometer by road.

(c) Ministry of Environment and Forests has no specific guidelines for coal washeries and no specific condition is being stipulated while granting environmental clearance to the coal mine projects. Projects relating to coal washeries do not attract the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 as amended subsequently.

Agents appointed by SECL

†3107. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the name of firms appointed as agents under the trade channel scheme in SECL in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the names and addresses of promoters of these firms; and

(c) the details of the grade of coal supplied to these firms during the last year through rail and road transport alongwith the quantity of coal supplied to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Presently there is no trade channel scheme in operation at South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.